Road Development Authority in Madhya Pradesh

†3091. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the dates when Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh Road Development Authority were set up;

(b) the amount granted by the Central and State Governments to the same;

(c) the share of Chhattisgarh out of the same; and

(d) the details of the roads constructed in rural areas by the said authority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) No such authority has been set up in the State of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Roads converted into National Highways

3092. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the Highways converted into National Highways during the last three years;

(b) the details of the funds allocated and utilised for the same during this period; and

(c) the details of the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) 8527 km. of State roads have been converted into National Highways during the last three years.

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(b) The allocation for the development of National Highways is made State-wise and not National Highway-wise. The details of funds allocated to State Governments and Border Roads Organisation and utilised for the development of National Highways during the last three years are as under:—

	Funds Allocated (Rupees in Crore)	Funds Utilised (Rupees in Crore)
1999-2000	1546.52	1399.83
2000-2001	1875.08	1622.00
2001-2002	1900.34	1730.78

(c) For increasing the pace of utilisation of funds, the following measures have been taken:—

(i) Introduction of Direct Payment Procedure.

(ii) Early Sanction of Projects.

(iii) Close Monitoring of Works.

National Highway No. 3

†3093. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme to widen the stretch of the National Highway No. 3 (Agra-Mumbai) falling in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of accidents that occurred due to narrowness of this highway at some of the places; and

(c) whether Government propose to widen the highway on priority basis at those places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) to (c) The total length of National Highway No. 3 is 712 km. in the State of Madhya Pradesh. Out of this 55 kms. from Uttar Pradesh Border to Gwalior is being widened under the National Highway Development Programme (NHDP) and 50 km. of Indore-Dewas Section & 2 km. in

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